

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow. Claims 8, 67, and 75 have been amended. Paragraph [0045] has been amended to correct a typographical error included therein. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-3, 6-40, and 67-81 will be pending in the present application upon entry of this Amendment and Reply.

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Claims 8, 67, and 75 have been amended to delete the term "CRC Biopolumer." The Applicant has thus addressed the Examiner's sole remaining concern relating to the claims of the present application, and the Applicant believes that all claims pending in the present application are now in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter this amendment and provide a Notice of Allowance in the present application.

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It is submitted that each outstanding objection and rejection to the Application has been overcome, and that the Application is in a condition for allowance. The Applicants request consideration and allowance of all pending claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid

amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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